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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages having less than 100 population, lying in thick forest areas/naxalite infested area etc. in the country provided telephone facility during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 till date, State-wise and location-wise; and

(b) the number of such villages still not having such basic facility in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) In the phased approach adopted for providing telephone facilities in the rural areas, villages with population of less than 100 are not receiving immediate focus. However, it is likely that while providing coverage to bigger villages, many villages with less than 100 population will also be covered.